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SUBJ: KAGNEW PHASE DOWN DISPOSITION OF TRACT E

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1. INDICATED REF A PROJECT HOPE DECISION ABANDON ENTIRE ASMARA PROJECT NOW FINAL. SUBJECT TO DR. WALSH'S APPROVAL, HOWEVER, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) AND HOPE ARE PLANNING SMALL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN ADDIS ABABA WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SOME MOVEABLE PROPERTIES FROM KAGNEW (REF A PARA 7). EMBASSY OFFERS FOLLOWING COMMENTS RE UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL NECESSITATE USG RETHINKING ON DISPOSITION OF TRACT E PROPERTIES PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED FOR PROJECT HOPE ASMARA.

2. WOULD SEEM DOD/NAVY FIRST MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO OFFER TRACT E MOVEABLES TO US MILITARY WORLDWIDE AND/OR TO HONOR REQUESTS FOR HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT, ETC. PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY US MILITARY GROUPS. FOLLOWING THIS DECISION EMBASSY/AID WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION DETERMINE WHETHER IT CAN MEET PROJECT HOPE ADDIS REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER NEEDS OF MPH WHICH HAVE
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ALREADY BEEN INFORMALLY REQUESTED.

3. INITIAL ESTIMATE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT HOPE ADDIS PROGRAM INCLUDE ANESTHESIA AND LAB EQUIPMENT FROM HOSPITAL, ABOUT 20 SETS HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, 5 SETS COMPLETE OFFICE FURNISHINGS, AND 5 VEHICLES. (PROBLEMS CONNECTED THIS REQUEST ARE THAT HOPE PLANS BEGIN PROGRAM WITH 4 PERSONNEL WITH POSSIBLE EXPANSION TO 25 AFTER ONE YEAR. THUS MUCH OF ABOVE WOULD HAVE TO BE STORED FOR MANY MONTHS. SECONDLY, MPH MAY NOT HAVE FINANCES TRANSPORT ABOVE TO ADDIS, PARTICULARLY WITHIN SHORT TIME FRAME PRIOR COMPLETION KAGNEW PHASE DOWN.) IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, WOZ. SOPHIA OF MPH HAS INDICATED NEED FOR MEDICINES, REMAINING HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT, AND SOME OFFICE FURNITURE FOR OTHER PROGRAMS. PROJECT HOPE/AID OFFICIALS CONSIDER THAT MPH COULD MAKE GOOD USE OF ALL MEDICALLY RELATED PROPERTIES AT KAGNEW.

4. EMBASSY HAS CONSIDERED OPTION OF LEAVING HOSPITAL INTACT. MPH, HOWEVER, HAS INDICATED IT DOES NOT HAVE RESOURCES OPERATE KAGNEW HOSPITAL NOR DOES IT OR PROJECT HOPE THINK A PRIVATE GROUP COULD BE FOUND AT SHORT NOTICE TO RUN HOSPITAL BUILDING MUCH LESS TAKE OVER TRACT E ON SCALE PROJECT HOPE HAD INTENDED. SCOTT OF PROJECT HOPE NOTED THAT ERITREAN POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS PLANNING CONSTRUCT A NEW HOSPITAL IN ASMARA.

5. IT EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION THAT SOME OR ALL OF HOSPITAL FURNISHINGS, SOME OFFICE EQUIPMENT, AND SOME PRE-FAB BUILDINGS COULD BE DISPOSED IN ETHIOPIA AS VALUABLE COMPLEMENT TO ONGOING AID AND POSSIBLY MAAG PROGRAMS; AND WE WILL STUDY TRACT E INVENTORY REQUESTED REF B PARA 5 WITH THIS IN MIND.

6. WE WILL INFORM IEG TODAY THAT IT MUST DECIDE SOONEST WHICH IEG AGENCY WILL RECEIVE THE TRACT E BUILDINGS/FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED FOR MINISTRY PUBLIC HEALTH. (GIVEN ABSENCE HEAD OF JOINT COMMISSION AND GENERAL SLOWDOWN IEG DECISION MAKING, WE FORESEE DIFFICULTY IN EXTRACTING DECISION WITHIN SHORT TIME REMAINING.) IEG'S DECISION WILL HAVE BEARING ON DISPOSITION MOVEABLE PROPERTIES PREVIOUSLY SET ASIDE FOR PROJECT HOPE. NEW ETHIOPIAN RECIPIENT MAY WELL WISH ACQUIRE MOST OR ALL FURNISHINGS STILL REMAINING ON TRACT E. NATURE RECIPIENT, I.E. MILITARY OR CIVILIAN, WOULD ALSO DETERMIN MOVEABLE PROPERTY DISPOSAL PROCEDURES. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT
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OBTAIN IEG DECISION ON TRACT E AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WYMAN

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